

WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT SUMMIT 2025

Event Program



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PROGRAM – WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE

8:30am **Registration Open**

9:10am **Welcome**
Cr Ron Chambers, President, Shire of Esperance

9:20am **WALGA Welcome**
Cr Karen Chappel AM JP, President, WALGA

9:30am **Official Opening of Summit**
Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC, Minister for the Environment; Community Services; Homelessness

9:45am **Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Update**
Emily Briggs, Deputy Director General Climate and Sustainability, DWER

10:00am **Water Planning in the Region**
Matthew Bowman, Manager - Assets South West Region & Great Southern Region, Asset Investment Planning, WaterCorp

10:15am **Regional Challenges and Opportunities**
Mathew Walker, Director Asset Management, Shire of Esperance

10:30am **Morning Tea – 30 mins**

WASTE SESSION

11:00am **Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy**
Lee Broomhall, Deputy Chair, Waste Authority

11:15am **Containers for Change Continue to Grow**
Tasha Sheldrick, Chief Growth Office, Containers for Change (WARRRL)

11:30am **Regional Cooperation and Collaboration for Waste Management**
TBC – Shire of Esperance

11:45am **Regional Approaches to Waste Management**
Ashley Fisher, Director, Avon Waste

12:00pm **Panel Session / Q&A – Regional Waste Challenges**

12:20pm **Lunch - 1 hour**



BIOSECURITY SESSION

- 1:20pm** **Session Opening and Scene setting**
Nick Sloan, CEO, WALGA
- 1:30pm** **Biosecurity Challenges in the Region**
Tim Thompson, Manager Vertebrate Pest Program, DPIRD
- 1:45pm** **Addressing Local Biosecurity Issues: Project, Strategies and Collaboration**
Amanda Day, Chief Executive Officer, Goldfields Nullabor Rangelands Biosecurity Association (GNARBA)
- 2:00pm** **Q&A**
With the 3 speakers above
- 2:15pm** **Panel Session - Avian influenza**
DBCA – TBC
Jacqui Freeman, Manager City Reserve, City of Albany
Jamie Finkelstein, A/Chief Veterinary Officer, DPIRD
Nick Sloan, CEO, WALGA

3:00pm **Afternoon tea – 30 mins**

BIODIVERSITY SESSION

- 3:30pm** **Wiluna Martu Rangers managing 'right way': a cultural dimension to reimagining healthy Country**
Dr Dorian Moro, Manager, Wiluna Martu Rangers at Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation
- 3:45pm** **Biodiversity and Urban Greening**
Julie Waters, Environmental Coordinator, Shire of Esperance
- 4:00pm** **Natural Capital Approach on Regional Biodiversity Projects**
Luke Bayley, Chief Executive Officer, South Coast Natural Resource Management Inc.
- 4:15pm** **Q&A**

WRAP UP

- 4:30pm** **Key Waste and Environment Challenges and Opportunities for Esperance/Goldfields**
Panel Session
- 4:50pm** **Wrap Up and Close**
Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste WALGA
- 5:00pm** **Sundowner at Esperance Civic Centre**
Thank you to our Sundowner Sponsor, Avon Waste



PROGRAM – THURSDAY, 5 JUNE

9:00am - 12:30pm

Waste Tours

Tour locations will include tour of Landfill, Containers for Change refund point and other local initiatives.

WATER SESSION – ESPERANCE CIVIC CENTRE

9:00am

Welcome
WALGA

9:10am

Overview of the State Government approach to Water Management, Climate
DWER / Water Corp

- **Speaker 1:** Overall view of State Government's approach to water management
- **Speaker 2:** Snapshot of climate change impacts on Western Australia water supply and demand management
- **Speaker 3:** Overview of regional water issues in Esperance and the south-coast region

9:40am

Innovation and on-farm water management programs in regional Western Australia, including opportunities for Local Govts alt water sources
DWER/ DPIRD & Water Corp

10:00am

Q&A

10:10am

Morning Tea – 30 mins

10:40am

Regional Waterwise Expansion Session – DWER, WALGA and Urbaqua
Speaker: Kep Katitjin – Gabi Kaadadjan Waterwise Program and its possible regional intersections

10:55am

Workshop

12:30pm

Lunch - 1 hour



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